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DIARY NOTES

DD/S

2 January 1964

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. General Carter said that Najeeb Halaby, FAA Administrator, was anxious to brief additional people on OXCART. It is our policy, however, to hold the line unless and until additional briefings are approved by Mr. McCone personally.

b. General Carter briefed us on his recent trip to Independence, Missouri, with a party to brief ex-President Truman and on his trip to Johnson City, Texas, to see the President. This information was very interesting, but there is no particular action for DD/S.

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2. I asked [REDACTED] to send an engineer to look over the construction at [REDACTED] as soon as possible. When I inspected this project last Saturday, 28 December, it was my impression that a great deal of work remained to be done. Again there were very few laborers on the job, and they appeared to be accomplishing little. It was also my impression that the contractor did not stand a ghost of a chance of finishing this project by 1 February. I was surprised, therefore, to learn from Doug that [REDACTED] had also visited the site last Saturday and that in his opinion the contractor would finish by 1 February with the exception of landscaping and certain other nonessentials.

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3. I talked with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] about the situation [REDACTED] and how it is affecting our people and operations. While the situation remains explosive, all traffic is being handled without difficulty. The indigenous help is still short and probably will not return to work very soon; however, all Americans are working long hours to take up the slack. Such activities as the club, bowling alley, etc., were closed temporarily but are now open for daytime operations. There was some problem in getting fuel oil, but this has also been resolved. The Office of Communications has a contingency plan, which has been tested to ensure minimum communications from the area if the [REDACTED] should become inoperative. In brief, it provides that stations [REDACTED] would each take over approximately one third of the [REDACTED] load. The key to any sustained operation would be getting the personnel from [REDACTED] to these locations. The system has been tested, however, and we are satisfied that it will suffice in an emergency.

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